

First Meeting of the ISI WSC 2021 National Organizing Committee (NOC)

On 29 October 2018, the ISI Permanent Office welcomed in The Hague the NOC members of the ISI WSC 2021 for their first meeting. The meeting was chaired by Eric Schulte Nordholt and his co-chair John Bailer. The WSC 2021, to be held in The Hague, brings with it extra challenges for the ISI as the organizational model for this Congress will be different from that in previous years. Until and including the 2019 WSC in Kuala Lumpur, the host country represented by the National Statistical Organization (NSO), takes full responsibility for the organization of the congress. In 2021, it is the ISI who will be responsible for organizing and hosting the congress.

The NOC takes up the important role of shaping the congress and signaling the aspects that make it a unique experience for participants. The composition of the committee already ensures that goals will be met if not exceeded. The committee includes experts from Statistics Netherlands (CBS), the Association for Statistics and Operations Research (VVS-OR), the Dutch National Bank (DNB) and ISI members from The Netherlands.

During this first meeting, the overall approach to the organization was discussed, and an initial round of ideas was presented with regard to the involvement of the wider statistical community and the search for strategic and sponsoring partners. This meeting marked the start of the NOC's work and commitment to continue mapping and concretizing it. The next meeting is set for 28 March 2019.



From left to right: Sofia Kapnisi, Miranda Schouten, Shabani Mehta, Nikky van Buuren, Ada van Krimpen, Cees Ullersma, Carina Fransen, Nynke Krol, Paul van der Laan, Eric Schulte Nordholt, Kees Zeelenberg, Henriëtte de Jong-de Heer; John Bailer joined by conference call.

NOC members that did not attend this meeting are: Fred van Eeuwijk, Gerrit Stemerding, Maarten Kampert, and Pieter Everaers.